

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2011**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order at 7:25PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Press Journal***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky-present
Council members Caspare and Stylianou-absent
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Proclamation Presented by Mayor McHale to Girls Softball 10U Summer Travel Team League Champions

Approval of Minutes:

September 20, 2011 Executive Meeting

September 20, 2011 Public Meeting

September 22, 2011 DPW Investigatory Committee Public Meeting

The Mayor announced that the approval of the minutes would be postponed to the November 1st meeting since there are only two council members present tonight who could vote on the minutes.

Administrator Perkins' Report

We have applied to FEMA in the amount of approximately \$47,000 for Police and DPW overtime from Hurricane Irene for a period of five days.

We did not meet the criteria for a grant from DOT to assist in refurbishing bridges and roads as a result of Hurricane Irene

Congressman Rothman has introduced a bill to Congress for \$400 million to fund EMS communications equipment. We will apply to procure funding.

The Shade Tree Commission has received a Community Forestry grant in the amount of \$3,000.

Mr. Perkins will attend a meeting at the County addressing the outage problems which occurred during Hurricane Irene. Mayor McHale asked that he question why some parts of Dumont were without electricity longer than others.

One of the recommendations of the Best Practices questionnaire was that the Governing Body and the Board of Education participate in a joint meeting. We have already qualified for 100% of State Aid.

Alliance Therapy has offered a twelve step exercise, nutrition and weight loss program for residents at no cost.

On Sunday a movie was filmed in Dumont. The movie will be featured at the Tribeca and Cannes Film Festivals. The film company paid \$750 to the Borough. The special detail officer will be paid directly from the film company.

We are negotiating with PSE&G at the Phase I Flood Control area. There is a new gas line going in and the road has to be ripped up. We are attempting to have them repave the whole road as opposed to their plan of paving curb to midline.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Freeman

Environmental Commission

Dan Harrison, chairman of the Commission, will be resigning.

Joint Land Use Board

The last meeting variances for garage replacements due to NJEIT Phase II were approved.

- Councilman Manna

Chamber of Commerce

The Street Fair will be held this Saturday.

“This Sweet Treats Corner” will have a grand opening this weekend. It is located at 345 Depew Street.

DPW Investigatory Sub-committee

The committee met last night after September’s meeting had to be cancelled because Mr. Winant and Mr. Licamelli’s attorney was unavailable. Mr. Eckel, however, did appear and Councilman Manna thanked him for his cooperation. Another hearing will be attempted soon provided the attorney is finished with his criminal case.

- Councilman Carrick

Recreation

There have been problems at Pershing Avenue at Memorial Park due to the inordinate amount of rainfall we have had. The field is unplayable because the ground cannot handle all the water, even though there is plenty of drainage. Alaimo came back and redid third base, which enabled the water to pitch more toward the street. Behind the backstop, there is no drainage. There is a 200 amp electrical service that sits on a 6” concrete pad. The water actually goes over the pad and you can feel the current in the ground. The Mayor suggested the engineer look at it tomorrow since it is supposed to rain.

The NJEIT Phase II project is going to be rebid; bids due November 29th. He thanked T&M for their help in contacting the DEP to bring the numbers down.

The TwinBoro Field bids are due November 22nd.

Fire Department

There were 38 alarms and 1046 man hours during September.

Councilman Carrick remarked that he didn't understand why a high profile criminal attorney from Hackensack was needed to sit in on the DPW Investigatory hearings and then did not show up twice. Mr. Eckel was very open when questioned and the Councilman feels it could be as simple for Mr. Licamelli as well as ex-mayor Winant.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

There will be a trip to Atlantic City on October 25th.

Their Halloween party will be held October 28th.

Surrogate Court Judge Dressler will be providing a seminar.

There will be a high tea held on November 5th.

Police

The Dispatch Center handled 2,063 calls in September, 101 of those were for medical aid.

The patrol division investigated 32 motor vehicle accidents. Officers issued 176 motor vehicle summonses. The Detective Bureau investigated 58 criminal cases.

Celebrations

The Halloween Costume Parade will be October 29th at D'Angelo Farms.

Mayor's Report

We were briefed this evening by our engineers. Bids for the NJEIT Phase II project will be received November 29th. This project has been worked on since 2006. The TwinBoro Field issue has been ongoing for about a year and a half. There has been a lot of frustration for the Governing Body because it is important to get this field back on track and will therefore alleviate the stress on our recreation programs.

Mayor McHale commented that the annual Senior Center-Governing Body luncheon was well-orchestrated and well-attended. There were over 200 senior citizens in attendance. Donna Faulborn and Council liaison Zamechansky were commended.

Overnight parking will end November 15th and resume April 15th.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#11-205 Bills List *

#11-206 Approval of DHS Music Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held December 22, 2011; ID#109-536714; RL#351 *

#11-207 Approval of Revised Recreation Teen Center Dedication by Rider *

#11-208 William B. Angst-Hire as Crossing Guard *

#11-209 Josephine Kajawa-Accept Resignation as Crossing Guard *

#11-210 Approval of Change Order #1 for White Beeches Force Main Project-\$9,304 *

#11-211 Marcello Tartaglione-Accept Removal from Dumont Fire Department *

#11-212 TwinBoro Field Project-Authorization to Advertise for Bids *

#11-213 Approval of Frontier Room's Request for Live Entertainment-December 9, 2011 *

#11-214 Jorge Vella-Accept Application as member of the Fire Department Company 1 *

#11-215 Christopher Breun-Accept Resignation from Dumont Fire Department Independent Hose Company *

#11-216 Jessie Magnotta-Accept Resignation from Dumont Fire Department Hose Company 3 *

#11-217 Approval of Elks Lodge On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held November 19, 2011; ID#109-6-33628, RL#352 *

#11-218 Authorization of Emergency Appropriation-FEMA-Hurricane Irene-\$47,725.37 *

#11-219 Authorization of Emergency Appropriation-Sewer Main Break-\$20,212.76 *

#11-220 Approval of Extension of Liability Insurance for Dumont Little League *

#11-221 Authorization of Two Year Agreement with File Bank-\$139,500 *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about the check on the bills list for Viridian.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Gary Buchheister, 181 Virginia Avenue, appreciated that the Babe Ruth Field was redesigned but the outfield is less playable than before reconstruction. He asked what can be done in the future. He also asked who maintains the field-seeding, etc.

Councilman Carrick responded that Recreation is responsible.

2. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about the campaign finance ordinance and who is responsible for enforcing it in instances of non-compliance; if paperwork is not filed.

Mr. Paster responded that if there was a violation it would probably be the Ethics Board's determination of the validity of the claim.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk